

Transfer Station Sticker Program: Common Questions and Answers

1. Will having the Transfer Station sticker also provide me access to Sandy Point Beach?

Yes.

2. Do I have to buy a Transfer Station sticker to have resident access to Sandy Point Beach?

No. Separate, "beach only" resident stickers will be available for residents who want to use Sandy Point Beach, but choose to not purchase a Transfer Station sticker. Use of Sandy Point Beach is free to residents.

3. Who can use the Transfer Station?

You must be a Portsmouth resident to use the Station.

4. I am not a resident of Portsmouth, but I am a Portsmouth taxpayer. Can I use the Transfer Station?

No. The Transfer Station is for the disposal of Portsmouth household waste only. No waste from businesses, contractors, landscapers or any form of commercial or agricultural activity is accepted. Only Portsmouth residents can generate the sort of solid waste that is accepted at the Transfer Station.

5. I am not a full time resident of Portsmouth, but I do live here in the summer. Can I use the Transfer Station?

Yes. Seasonal and part time residents of Portsmouth may purchase a resident sticker and dispose of the household refuse they generate while living in Portsmouth.

6. Is there a reduced fee for seasonal and part time Portsmouth residents?

No, not at this time. However, this program is in its first year and it will be reviewed in future years to ensure that it is effective and fair.

7. Is there an elderly discount?

No. See answer to question 6 above, and please note that it is anticipated that the property tax exemptions already available to the elderly and other special situation taxpayers are sufficient to provide fairness to those individual taxpayers.

8. Why is the fee \$125?

That is the minimum user fee projected to cover the Town's costs. All money collected will be deposited in a Town-managed Enterprise Fund to provide the money needed to pay for the Town's solid waste and recycling program.

9. How long is the Sticker valid?

This is an annual program and the stickers now on sale are for calendar year 2010.

10. What do I do with my old sticker and where do I put the new sticker?

Remove your old sticker and throw it away. It has no further use. Affix your new sticker to the upper right hand corner of your windshield (passenger's side).

11. What happens if I sell my car or get a new windshield during the year?

You will be issued a replacement sticker if you remove the sticker from your windshield and present it and your vehicle registration at the Town Hall (Tax Collection).

12. I have more than one car, is there a \$125 fee for each vehicle?

This year the \$125 charge is for one sticker and \$10 per additional vehicle per household.

13. How do I dispose of yard waste?

Yard waste must be brought to the Transfer Station in bags or garbage barrels not larger than 55 gallon drums. No loose trash is accepted at the Transfer Station.

14. How do I dispose of used motor oil?

Pour the used motor oil into the igloo adjacent to the entrance to the Transfer Station building. No waste oil is accepted on Prudence Island.

15. What are the hours of operation for the Transfer Station?

The hours of operation are Monday, Friday and Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Closed on Wednesday, Sunday and holidays.

16. How do I dispose of bulky items and is there a charge?

For the most part, bulky items are accepted at the Transfer Station without charge except for certain items requiring a fee. The disposal fee for tires is \$5, propane tanks with valve \$8 (without valve – no charge), refrigerators and air conditioners \$15 each, and mattresses or box springs \$15 each. The fee must be paid in cash.